

At a General Meeting of the Parishioners and Assistants of the Parish of St. Paul Deptford, held on Sunday, the 18th of February, 1798, in their Parish Church:

Mr. Wm. EDMONDS, CHURCHWARDEN, in the Chair.

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

FIRST.—THAT, at a Moment when the War is obstinately persisted in by the Enemy, for the avowed Purpose of utterly destroying, not only the Constitution, the Religious and Civil Rights, but also the National Independance of these Kingdoms, it behoves Britons of every Rank and Description, to come forward and to exert themselves with all their Zeal and Energy, to Defeat the hostile and destructive Designs of so inveterate an Enemy.

SECOND.—THAT it is the Opinion of this Meeting, the best Mode of exerting their Zeal and Energy would be to render the Subscription for VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS, now open at the Bank, under the Authority of Parliament, for the Defence of the Country, as extensive and productive as possible; being convinced nothing can tend so much as the Success of that Measure, to frustrate the project of the Enemy, to maintain Public Credit, and to accelerate the return of Peace on Safe and honourable Terms.

THIRD.—THAT the following Gentlemen be appointed a Committee, to attend in the Vestry Room, where a Subscription Book will be kept open 'till Saturday, the 24th Instant, from Eleven o'Clock in the Morning to One o'Clock in the Afternoon, each Day, to receive the Contributions of the Parishioners, or Inhabitants; and also for carrying these Resolutions into Effect, and that three or more be competent to proceed on Business, and that the Committee be empowered to make such Addition to their Numbers as they may think proper.

Rev. John Eaton, L. L. D. Rector; Rev. Jethro Inwood, B. A; Messrs. Wm. Edmonds and John Hitchens, Churchwardens; Messrs. Butler, I. Jones, Robert Edmonds, Ferguson, Mason, H. Edmonds, G. Emmett, Weller, Flemming, Hambly, Dudman, Bell, Rains, Fisher, Eve, Warner, Parry, Parry, Junr. Hardcastle, Rolt, North, Denham, Davis, and Mitchell.

FOURTH.—As it may not be convenient for every Person to attend the Vestry on any of the said Days, it is resolved, that on Tuesday, the 27th Instant, the Committee shall begin a Collection from House to House through the Parish, and continue it each following Day 'till compleated; in order that all Persons may have an Opportunity of expressing their Zeal in Support of their Country, by contributing to the present Exigencies of the State, and thereby enabling it to defeat the views of the Enemy.—The smallest Sums will be received with Respect, in Support of a Cause which alike involves the dearest Interests of all Classes of the Community.

FIFTH.—THAT Mr. Robert Edmonds be requested to take upon him the Office of Treasurer of the said Voluntary Contributions.

SIXTH.—THAT it be recommended to such of the Inhabitants as have already paid or intend to pay their Subscriptions at the Bank, or Royal Exchange, to enter the same also in the Parish List, with a Note against the Sum, explaining where paid.

The Sum of 236l. 16s. was immediately subscribed by the Gentlemen present.

Signed by Order of the Meeting.

Wm. EDMONDS, CHAIRMAN.

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† Those names which have a tick are signed
These were not at the meeting when
was subscribed

1st day's contribution
 — by 17 Persons —
 in sums as under. —

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 Mrs. Jeers — 21.0.0
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